

a support connected to the arm remote from the clamp, the support being adapted to retain a receptacle containing medical fluids;

the arm being movable with respect to the clamp, thereby allowing the positioning of the support within at least three directional planes of motion with respect to the clamp.

2. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the arm has a first longitudinal axis and wherein the arm is radially rotatable in a plane of motion about the first longitudinal axis with respect to the clamp.

3. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the arm has a first longitudinal axis, and wherein the arm is radially rotatable about the clamp in a plane containing the first longitudinal axis.

4. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the arm has a longitudinal axis, and wherein the arm is axially movable along the first longitudinal axis and horizontally with respect to the clamp.

5. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein the support is mounted on a rod, the rod being mounted to an end of the arm remote from the clamp, and wherein the rod is moveable with respect to the end of the arm, and wherein the rod extends telescopically within the arm.

6. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the arm comprises a first portion extending from the clamp and a second portion extending from the first portion, wherein the first portion of the arm has a first longitudinal axis and the second portion of the arm has a second longitudinal axis and wherein the first longitudinal axis is substantially perpendicular to the second longitudinal axis.

7. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein the first portion of the arm is rotatable about the clamp within a plane containing the first longitudinal axis of the first portion.

Subs 9. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the first portion of the arm is rotatable about the first longitudinal axis with respect to the clamp.

Subs 10. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the object is an item of surgical furniture selected from a surgical table and surgical bed, upon which a patient lies.

Subs 12. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the support is adapted to retain the receptacle containing medical fluids for delivery to the patient intravenously.

13. (Amended) An apparatus for supporting receptacles containing medical fluids for intravenous delivery to a patient, the apparatus comprising:

 a clamp for releasably securing the apparatus to an item of furniture;

 a first arm portion extending from the clamp, wherein the first arm portion has a first longitudinal axis;

 a second arm portion extending from the first arm portion, wherein the second arm portion has a second longitudinal axis perpendicular to the first longitudinal axis; and

 a receptacle support mounted on the second arm portion;

 wherein the first arm portion and second arm portion are movable with respect to the clamp such that the receptacle support may be moved within a plane containing the first longitudinal axis and the second longitudinal axis.

14. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein the first arm portion is rotatable about the first longitudinal axis with respect to the clamp.

15. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein the first arm portion is rotatable about the clamp in a plane containing the first longitudinal axis of the first arm portion.

Sb31 17. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein the receptacle support is mounted on a support rod, the support rod being axially mounted to the second arm portion and movable with respect to the end of the second arm portion.

At 18. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 17, wherein the support rod extends telescopically within the second arm portion.

19. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein the item of surgical furniture is selected from a surgical table and surgical bed, upon which a patient lies.

Sb31 21. (Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein the receptacle support comprises of a hook assembly attached to an end of a support rod, wherein the hook assembly comprises a hook from which receptacles containing medical fluids may be supported and wherein the support rod is axially mounted to the second arm portion and movable with respect to the end of the second arm portion.

REMARKS REGARDING CLAIMS AMENDMENTS:

The above noted amendments to the claims have been made so that the scope and language of the claims is more precise and clear in defining what the Applicant considers to be the invention.

Support for the above amendments to the claims can be found in the original specification as filed in the following locations:

Amendments to Claim:	Support in Original Specification:
1-4	Page 8, line 7 to Page 9, line 25, Figures 1, 2, and 3.
5	Page 8, line 7 to Page 9, line 25, Figures 1, 2, and 3 and original claim 5.
6	Page 8, line 7 to Page 9, line 25, Figures 1, 2, and 3 and original claim 6.